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**Gov. Perdue Announces North Carolina to Receive \$4.5 Million to Support
Broadband Projects**

RALEIGH – Gov. Bev Perdue today announced that North Carolina will receive \$4.5 million in federal recovery funds to support the development of broadband access and economic development across North Carolina. The funding goes to the e-NC Authority, a state initiative to expand broadband access throughout North Carolina especially in rural areas. The \$4.5 million grant is matched by an additional \$1 million, including \$400,000 from the Golden Leaf Foundation, for a total \$5.5 million investment.

“Broadband access is a critical component for economic development in North Carolina – in particular in rural areas,” said Gov. Perdue. “These funds will help continue the work of the e-NC Authority to expand the reach of high-speed Internet and, in turn, boost local economies.”

Since January, North Carolina has received \$275 million in federal recovery awards for expanding access to broadband.

The funds announced today will enable the e-NC Authority to continue its statewide mapping of broadband availability for four more years, continuing the work starting by a previous federal grant. Today’s grant was made by the National Telecommunications and Information Administration’s (NTIA) State Broadband Data and Development (SBDD) grant program, which is part of the U.S. Department of Commerce.

“This funding will enable e-NC to continue its statewide mapping work of broadband availability for four more years, and will enable us to go back into the communities in North Carolina to help